

**Abstract**

Method for creating and managing multilateral contractual relationships among “covered entities” and “business associates” under a privacy standard applicable to protected health information (PHI) by assigning digital identities to the contracting parties, providing a multilateral Master Business Associate Contract (MBAC) template having non-negotiable terms requiring observation of the privacy standard with respect to the PHI data, providing a self-certification standard affidavit template enabling the contracting parties to achieve self-certification, and providing an electronic interface over the internet to facilitate negotiating and entering binding multilateral contractual agreements among the parties pursuant to the terms of the affidavits and the MBAC template.